

Book Review

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الحمد لله رب العالمين الصلوة والسلام على سيد المرسلين سيدنا ومولانا محمد وعلى اله
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I just happened to review a booklet on the topic "Secularism (atheism) and Liberalism (freedom)" written by Allama Muhammad Anas Bandialwi. Allama Sahib has written very useful things according to the topic. I felt heartily pleasure after reading the booklet that our young scholars are meeting the needs of their era and are ready to face the challenges of it. The number of such scholars is very small. However, their presence is a gift. I am optimistic that one oil lamp will light other oil lamps and the candle will light other candles. And this process will go on continuously. A wise man defined secularism and liberalism in one sentence as "Secularism means (I seek Allah's protection) to remove Allah from their system, and liberalism means this is right and that is also." Meaning there does not remain any difference between right and wrong. A man decides for his good and bad and becomes free from the guidance of the Creator.

My pain is the same that young scholars decide preferences of the religion according to the needs of the era. Our resources are being utilized on Naat Khuwanis, Qawalis, Debaters, speakers, and impractical Pirs. They are unaware of the real challenges Islam is facing.

Allama Muhammad Anas Bandialwi has successfully been fulfilling his responsibilities as a teacher in one of our renowned scholars, Mufti Muhammad Ilyas Rizvi Ashrafi's institution "Jamia Nudratul Uloom". Furthermore, Mufti Sahib is quite satisfied with his performance, and this is something to be proud of for a young scholar.

This is my sincere prayer that may Allah the Almighty for the sake of His Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم bless Allama Muhammad Anas Bandialwi with the greatness in knowledge, age, reading and writing passion, and bless him to serve greatly in the field of writing and compiling! Aameen

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2. Mufti Muhammad Ilyas Rizvi Ashrafi

Hazrat Allama Muhammad Anas Bandialwi حفظ الله القوى is also one of the capable and talented teachers of Jamia Nudratul Uloom, Garden West Karachi. He did not stay free after being graduated from a Sunni religious institution, but for the sake of acquiring further knowledge he became a disciple of a great scholar of Ahl-e-Sunnat, Hazrat Allama Fazl-ur-Rehman Bandialwi especially for getting expertise in "Logic". Later, he started teaching.

He has been teaching with good manners and in the best way in the aforementioned Jamia for almost six years. Moreover, it is very expedient for him to use both the qualities of reading and writing during his teaching career. That is why his dear students are satisfied and impressed with him.

This booklet (a brief introduction to secularism, liberalism, and atheism) is short but influential. There is sufficient and effective healing literature in this booklet that can cure those contemporary political leaders and students of colleges and universities whose minds and hearts are infected with dangerous and contagion germs of secularism, liberalism, and atheism. Thus, the pen of the author has fulfilled an important need of the present day. This is the author's first effort of literary work, but it is indelible.

I hope that Allah the Almighty will keep blessing the author to continue to provide significant, research-based, and reforming booklets and books on important topics to the people of Islam in the future as well. May Allah bless him with success and protection!

Muhammad Ilyas Rizvi Ashrafi

3. Mufti Nazeer Ahmed Naqshbandi

Respectable Hazrat Allama Muhammad Anas Bandialwi is a teacher, and only teaching is everything to him. The way of teaching is so impressive that he puts philosophy and logic especially, and arguments regarding other sciences and contradictory topics into students' minds in a very simple and easy way **ماشاء الله**. In a similarly simple and easy way, both the definition and history of secularism, liberalism, and atheism and the sources of its influence as well as the preventive measures to stop them have been explained. So that ordinary Muslims, especially students (who are the backbone of the society) can contribute to it fully and keep a close eye on their surroundings so that they can protect themselves and their Muslim brothers from the killer poison which originated from secularism (hatred towards religion) and ended on atheism (denial of God).

May Allah the Almighty make this booklet useful for everyone! Aameen

Mufti Nazeer Ahmed Naqshbandi

Preface

On the auspicious occasion of Eid Milad-un-Nabi, "Mehfil-e-Noor" is held at Jamia Nudratul Uloom (Garden West, Karachi). I got an opportunity to deliver a speech in the congregation on 21 November 2018. The topic of which, I had chosen, was Secularism, Liberalism, and Atheism. All the

teachers of the institute liked the speech and Mufti Muhammad Ilyas Rizvi دامت بركاتهم العاليه, the administrator of the institute, ordered me to write on that topic. Considering its significance and benefits, I kept on writing on the topic from time to time despite my busy schedule of teaching. Finally, I succeeded in preparing a small booklet after some months. Maulana Imran took the responsibility of publishing it, and the alumnus of the institute, Maulana Jawad composed it.

May Allah the Almighty grant the best to the people who contributed to bringing this booklet into your hands! This is my first attempt at writing so there will surely be mistakes in it due to my lack of knowledge and inexperience. Learned scholars are requested to point out the mistakes, and get rewarded by Allah the Almighty.

آمين بجاه النبى الامين عليه الصلوة والتسليم

Muhammad Anas Bandialwi

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I would like to dedicate this first writing attempt to my parents, my Taya (elder paternal uncle), all my mentors, and teachers whose hard work and prayers made me capable of writing it.

May Allah the Almighty bless us with Maghfirah (salvation)! Aameen

Preamble

الحمد لله الذى نزل الفرقان ليهدى به صراطاً مستقيماً، والصلوة والسلام على من بلغ القرآن ليطفىء به ناراً
لظلمت حميماً، وعلى آله واصحابه الذين نالوا به فوزاً عظيماً

اما بعد

فاعوذ بالله من الشيطان الرجيم

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ يُجَادِلُ فِي اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ وَلَا هُدًى وَلَا كِتَابٍ مُنِيرٍ (٨) ثَانِي عِظْفِهِ لِيُضِلَّ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ-لَهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا خِزْيٌ وَنَذِيقُهُ
يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ عَذَابَ الْحَرِيقِ (٩) (الحج: ٨، ٩)

Translation: And there is the one who argues concerning Allah neither having knowledge nor any proof nor any clear writings. (Due to arrogance) having turned his neck away from the truth, in order to mislead (others) from the way of Allah; for him is disgrace in this world and We shall make him taste the punishment of Fire on the Day of Resurrection. (Kanz-ul-Iman)

The attitude of the atheists is best reflected in the verse, i.e. denying the truth without any evidence, furthermore, is to get people to accept their claim without any evidence, and then force them to accept it.

Although the origins of the secular, liberal and atheist groups are different, the end is the same, (i.e. turning back from the religion given by Allah Almighty and His messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم). There are some infidels and some so-called Muslims in this group. We are first addressing to the Muslims that

If you are a Muslim,

1. you must know and believe that Islam is not someone's self-made religion, but a complete code of conduct derived from the teachings of Allah the Almighty and His Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) to spend life.
2. you must also know and believe that Allah the Almighty is the Knower of the unseen, and He has bestowed upon His Beloved Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) the most knowledge among the creatures.
3. You must also know and believe that the Shari'ah commands are not limited to any particular time and place, but they are a beacon for human beings till the day of resurrection and are applicable.
4. You must also know and believe that there is no doubt of error or incompleteness in the Shari'ah commands.
5. You must also know and believe that our intellect and knowledge are flawed. If we do not understand any of the teachings of Islam, then it is the fault of our flawed intellect.

Thus, you believe in all of the above-discussed points. However, you are impressed with the ideologies other than Islam, and you keep saying, "Liberalism and secularism are the best systems to spend life." What else can we do except wonder!

And if my addressees are non-Muslims, then the whole system of the preaching of atheists is "there is nothing".

The example of their preaching is like that, there is an examination room and in front of everyone, there is a paper, and to solve it, books have been opened completely. A person is also sent to the examination hall to help the candidates after every few minutes. If you make a mistake, all that is just required is to erase it and apologize, you will still pass. Despite such a simple exam, some people are not ready to take the exam themselves and are creating trouble for all those others who are in the examination hall. They are stopping someone from taking the exam, putting doubts in someone's heart that this examination room is a lie, this examiner is a liar. The one who is coming for help is also a liar, and the ones who are sitting for the exam are all fools. As a matter of fact, you are not doing anything. Come to us, and we also have nothing.

Thus, atheists are stopping other people from Islam even though they also have nothing. They make all this effort just to preach "there is nothing" from morning to evening.

Again what else can we do except wonder!

May Allah the Almighty bless us with sound intellect and correct understanding of religion! Aameen

Secularism, Liberalism, and Atheism

The Introduction

The main purpose of the arrival of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم in this world was to lead people from the misguidance to the righteous path. When misguidance is discussed in the Holy Quran, the word "ظلمت" (darkness) is mentioned, and when guidance is discussed, it is interpreted as "نور" (light). "ظلمت" (darkness) is mentioned as plural whereas "نور" (light) as singular. Thus, the truth is one, and the paths of misguidance are many and different. The mission of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم was to finish misguidance. In modern times, secularism has spread a lot everywhere. We, therefore, should have its knowledge, to be protected from "ظلمت" (darkness), and to fulfill the Holy Prophet's [صلى الله عليه وسلم] purpose of coming to this world.

Secondly, there is a quotation, "من لم يعرف الشر فيوما يقع فيه" meaning "If someone does not know about any evil, he will get involved in it." Because misguidance is not something that comes knocking, but it enters without informing. The man does not even feel and sinks into the quicksand of misguidance, so we need to know what this evil is. We will be affected by it unless we have a clear idea of the evil and prevention from it.

From old times, people have believed in atheism in one form or another, but there have been very few deniers of Allah's existence. Such philosophers who denied prophethood were found in the Holy Prophet's time, but as far as atheism is concerned, atheism was very rare and less in the Holy Prophet's time. It has become so prevalent in modern times. Denying Allah's existence has become a fashion. Since there was the denial of the existence of "God", it was not accepted publicly in the beginning. So they coined a new term called "secularism", and described it in a very attractive way so that they can enforce it everywhere, and this secularism is a new invention to enforce atheism. It is a slow poison that kills religion

from within man because it leads to liberalism. Atheism is hidden in the shape of liberalism. It has been elaborated simply. That is, firstly, religion is marginalized socially, culturally, and politically, then man is taken far from the religion individually, and then its limit is that (نَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ) man becomes a denier of God.

Let us come to the topic now. Allah the Almighty says in the Holy Quran:

وَقَالُوا مَا هِيَ إِلَّا حَيَاتُنَا الدُّنْيَا نَمُوتُ وَنَحْيَا وَمَا يُهْلِكُنَا إِلَّا الدَّهْرُ وَمَا لَهُم بِذَلِكَ مِنْ عِلْمٍ إِنْ هُمْ إِلَّا يَظُنُّونَ (الجاثية ٢٤)

Translation: And they said, 'There is nothing except our worldly life, (in which) we die and we live, and nothing destroys us except time.' And they do not have any knowledge of this, they make mere speculations. (Kanz-ul-Iman)

In this blessed verse, Allah the Almighty has talked about atheists and has explained it clearly that they are complete nonsense.

There are three major terms (secularism, liberalism, and atheism). Firstly, they will be defined, and then their process and jeopardies will be described separately.

Atheism:

The literal meaning of atheism is "to be cut off from the path".

Conventional Definition: To deny an Omnipotent Power absolutely, those who believe in it are called atheists.

Liberalism:

Its literal meaning is "to be free".

Conventional Definition: To consider yourself free from religion as an individual

Secularism:

Its literal meaning is "worldliness".

Conventional Definition: To exclude religion from economic, political, and social life

This is a brief discussion. Now, I will talk about it in order, first secularism, then liberalism, and then atheism.

Secularism

Since secularism is the first that is promoted, we have given priority to it. We have read its definition, that is, to remove religion from social, political, and social life. I will now explain secularism according to the following contexts.

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| 1) History | 2) Goals and Objectives | 3) Publication Sources | 4) Economic System |
| 5) Promotion in Muslim society | 2) Disadvantage and doubts | 3) Preventive measures | |

1. History:

Hazrat Essa عليه السلام is mentioned firstly in the history of secularism in the way that Hazrat Essa عليه السلام preached the religion. Then, his teachings were quit to be followed after his being taken to the skies. After half a century, a devout Jew, Saint Paul converted to Christianity and began to spread the whole religion through dreams and revelations.

In 50 AD, means 50 years after Hazrat Essa عليه السلام was lifted to skies, he (Saint Paul) organized a conference and invited all priests in it and started preaching Christianity.

It was the Roman Catholic era, and their many emperors were there who did not allow Christianity to flourish. Finally, Emperor Constantine converted to Christianity in 312 AD. This was the first place where secularism came into being practical because this king converted to Christianity but continued all political and social affairs according to Roman law, and kept Christianity confined to the church. This is the foundation of secularism, and it was here that secularism was first introduced to restrict religion to places of worship and to exercise own will in political, cultural, and social life.

Then a man named Saint Augustine came who wrote a book, which he divided into two parts, i.e. the "City of God" and the "City of Man". He was the first to introduce the concept of secularism in the books.

The concept of the "City of God" was that the relationship between man and God is exceptional, and the concept of the "City of Man" was that all human beings have a separate status in worldly affairs. Separate the two, and showed that the two could not exist together.

In 476 AD, the Roman Empire came to an end. Everywhere people were divided into small empires and became extremely unrestrained. Immodesty, nudity, and chaos spread.

Then, in the year 500 AD, Saint Benedict laid the foundation of monasticism. A regular church of monks was established in 529 AD, and this is how the number and power of monks started increasing, and several sects started emerging over time.

The Dark Ages lasted until 1600 AD. Christianity was very influential in European countries and they interfered in everything politically and socially.

When 1700 AD began, scientific progress began. Many scientists began to raise various objections to Christianity, but these objections were not so important; because the Christian clergies and the popes, etc., were very powerful.

In a revolt against the church, Martin Luther formed a Protestant group, and Christianity split into two major groups. This Protestant group then strongly supported scientists.

Christians brutally crushed the hard work and efforts of scientists. Great scientists such as Galileo, Johannes Kepler, and Leonardo Da Vinci were tortured, even Bruno was imprisoned for five years and then burned alive. Other scientists were forced to recall their theories.

They became even more extreme atheists due to this oppression. As a result, a huge gap got developed between religion and science. Then, these scientists and the Protestant group decided that they would destroy Christianity, and they started working hard for this purpose.

George Jacob, a British author introduced the term secularism firstly in 1851 AD, and in 1857, he founded the Central Secular Society in London. Thus, the formal propagation of secularism began then.

In short, they tried to damage the religion in every way because of the great oppression. All their efforts succeeded in limiting the Christian religion to a small number and the church.

2. Aims and Objectives of Secularism:

First Objective: The first objective is to create suspicion in the religion so that people turn away from it. In the same way, secularism has to work for its protection as heavy attacks are carried out continuously against Christianity and Islam.

Second Objective: The second objective is to promote atheistic and materialistic ideologies and to create such a mindset in people that they become disgusted with religion and become materialistic. Thus, the purpose of a common man's life should remain confined to only eating, drinking, earning, and enjoying.

Third Objective: The third objective is to separate religion from government, politics, society, and culture. It means whenever there is a political, social, or economic issue, it is said, "There is no need to bring religion in between, we will decide ourselves."

Fourth Objective: The fourth objective is to support democracy because they can easily work with democracy. On the other hand, they have no space in the kingdom.

Fifth Objective: The fifth objective is to promote capitalism very much because there are a lot of opportunities to earn wealth in capitalism, and their purpose is only to earn and get the world.

Sixth Objective: Man can practice religion in personal life only in places of worship. Initially, they want people to keep religion limited to their personal lives only. Moreover, they (atheists) do not allow people to bring religion in between political and social issues at all.

Seventh Objective: The seventh objective is to prove their Ideologies through Influential People. Whether those influential people are rulers or performers. Hence, they use them to inculcate their ideologies in people.

3. Sources of Publicity:

Secularists use the following means to express their ideologies.

A) Media

Their biggest source is the media. They use the media everywhere in every way, whether it is Facebook, Twitter, Youtube or TV, etc. They have occupied every place, and they do not allow anyone to speak against it.

B) Propaganda

To propagandize in every way against religion, for example, they propagandize the ideology of jihad in Islam so much that people think that there is no difference between terrorism and jihad. Then, similarly, they propagandize by raising the slogan of Women's freedom and put lies in their minds.

C) Modernism

To bring people towards modernity, that is, going to the mosque, offering Salah, paying zakat, fasting, and taking care of each other, etc., are all stereotypes. This is modern time; we will have to live according to modern requirements. Islam or any other religion cannot go hand in hand with modern requirements. It is called "modernism" which we can call "modern ignorance" today, and this is only true because all ideologies and practical measures except Islam are ignorance.

D) To create hatred towards better leadership

To create hatred in people towards good and Islamic leadership in every country. If a good person who is not secular comes in office and can run the country in a better way, they will do propaganda among the people, use the media, and make people hate him. They will not even hesitate to kill him. For example, look at the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Despite seven decades, no serious and perfect Islamic leadership has emerged.

4. Economic System:

There were two major economic systems within secularism; capitalism and communism.

The feudal system was prevalent everywhere in the past in which many poor people worked under a very large feudal lord, and he violated their rights and would keep on increasing his wealth. Capitalism is a slightly modern form of it. Everyone is allowed to earn in this system. However, some rights of the employees have been defined in this system which has given it a lot of impetus, and in most of the countries, capitalism is prevalent today. Even Pakistan could not escape from this evil. The other economic system is communism. Its much detail is not needed to be discussed. It had been introduced in Russia and China for 40/50 years, where it failed miserably. Now, capitalism has been imposed everywhere.

5. Promotion in Muslim Society:

Europe tried to impose its system upon the entire world. For which, they used full force. In 1900 AD, they subjugated a large number of Muslim populated areas. They had already sidelined Christianity. Now, they have made every effort to eradicate Islam and this effort continues to this day.

Response from the people: Great sadness is that the first response, secularism received from us, is that it has been accepted by all, especially the great rulers who openly opposed Islamic teachings such as Mustafa Kamal in Turkey, Reza Shah Pahlavi in Iran, and General Yahya Khan in Pakistan, etc. This is how secularism was easily promoted in Muslim society. There are four main reasons for it.

- A) **Selfishness:** This is the first, most important, and broad reason because Muslims are engrossed in selfishness and a selfish man does not accept any kind of restriction while religion binds to the obligation that it is permissible and it is impermissible, it is halal to eat something and it is haram to eat this thing, etc. Selfishness has promoted secularism mostly among Muslims.
- B) **Rational and Ideological Reasons:** They have given seemingly great arguments for the promotion of their false ideologies, got support from scientific ideologies and inventions, and got backing from school and college seminars. Let me give a simple example. In one of the schools in Karachi, a teacher called the young children and placed the showpieces of the mosque, temple, and church in front of them and told them to ask them for the toffees. The children asked all three of them for toffees one by one, but their wishes were not fulfilled. They came to the teacher and said, "We didn't get toffees from all three places." Then the teacher said, "I can give it to you." This is how it was put to children's subconscious that religion is nothing. If there is something, that is the world. In this way, they started putting their ideologies in people's minds without having been felt. Many Muslims today, who are only worldly educated, fall prey to their sweet poison and are found talking like this, "They (secularists) have solid arguments, their system is excellent," etc.
- C) **Inclination towards Western Civilization:** It is our great tragedy that we are not slaves to the West seemingly but mentally. We accept whatever call comes from the West without thinking

and understanding. We even do not see whether it is good or bad for us. Secularism has also flourished due to this mental slavery.

Reaction from the Scholars: When the reaction came from the scholars in Muslim countries, they got divided into three groups.

- A) **Traditional Muslim Scholars:** They inculcated this point in people's minds that Islam is the only true religion. What Allah and His Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم have brought is right. Do not listen, read, or go close to these modern ideologies.

Although this is absolutely true and the basis of these scholars is correct, but they did not read, write or make any effort against secularism at all. As a result, secularism strengthened its roots, and people began to slip from our hands.

- B) **Modernists:** The scholars of this class were very much influenced by the Western civilization that they became a victim of their propaganda. They started new interpretations of Islam and changed the whole of Islam. They are such worst people according to the hadith who ruin their Hereafter for the sake of others' world.
- C) **Modern Reformers:** These scholars did not change the basic teachings of Shari'ah and adhered to it, but also continued to read modern ideologies and provide information to others about them that how to refute them. Furthermore, where they have their fronts. This is the right way to face evil by looking into its eyes not by closing our own eyes.

6. Disadvantages and Suspicious of Secularism:

These secular people are big claimants of peace and security. Now, listen to their definitions of peace and security that how much they have benefited the people? How much comforted? How much human blood did they shed to implement their ideologies? There is no precedent for this.

Egypt: Jamal Abdul Nasir brutally killed two and a half million members of "Al-Ikhwan Al-Muslimeen". When Egypt went to war with Israel, he said in his speech: "Sons of Pharaoh! Today you are fighting with the descendants of Musa. "

Iraq: Ahmed Hassan al-Bakr oppressed Kurds, used chemical weapons, and brutally killed millions of Muslims.

Iran: Reza Shah Pahlavi: he was also highly influenced by secularism. He also killed millions of people. He was the one who founded the torture cells which the Iranian government has turned into museums now. It is shown in them how Muslims were punished in the era of Raza Shah. The lightest punishment was to have nails pulled out and electrocuted. In addition, they set fire to cinemas in defense of secularism, killed many people, and propagandized that Muslims had set fire.

Indonesia: Suharto killed four hundred thousand (400,000) people to enforce secularism.

When all these things are put in front of the fans of secularism that you have shown so much oppression. They say, "These are your Muslims and their history reflects that these people keep fighting wars, they are murderers." Remember, the above-mentioned Muslims were Muslims by name only.

But now let us show you their disgusting face, how peaceful they are!

South America: Pinochet killed nearly three hundred thousand (300,000) people in Chile.

Russia: The former Soviet Union massacred about 1.5 million people.

America: America massacred two hundred and seventy-eight thousand (278,000) people in two days by dropping Atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Germany: Hitler laid the foundation of racial prejudice and killed millions in the name of World War II.

India: The oppression it has inflicted on Muslims, Shudras, Sikhs, and Kashmiris is not hidden from anyone.

Burma: Burma's recent terrorism is known to everyone.

Similarly, the First and Second World Wars did not take place with the Muslims. It included Britain, Italy, Germany, Belgium, France, etc., and these are all non-Muslim countries. They all promoted secularism and fought big wars and killed millions of people.

This is the true face of secularism. Almost two hundred years have passed after the introduction of secularism. Millions of people have been killed in these centuries. If you study history, you will find that millions have not died in a thousand years.

Despite knowing these facts, Muslim rulers have promoted secularism, especially "Turkey", which has tried hard to please others to join the European Union. Moreover, they banned Adhan (Call to Salah) and Pardah (Hijab). Adhans were called but only in the Turkish language. Immodesty was promoted a lot, mosques were turned into slaughterhouses or museums, and Islamic Eids were declared nonsensical. Following West was forcefully imposed, and people were put to death on the slightest opposition. Despite all this, it has not yet been included in the European Union. Hence, it is proved that no matter how much Muslims try to please them, they will never be happy.

Pakistan: Secularists are found in abundance in Pakistan too who keep polluting people's minds with doubts that religion is an obstacle in the way of development. Secularism is real development. If Pakistan also adopts it, Pakistan will also develop.

Remember, the claim is made that "this secularism is very important for development." And, the claim is not accepted without evidence. Give us one or two examples of the places where secularism came, and bloodshed was not done. By the way, we have given you many examples, here is one more example.

Bosnia and Herzegovina: It was a Muslim country. They imposed secularism completely on themselves. They even changed their Islamic names. No one could have even an idea that it was an Islamic country. When Yugoslavia became independent, the people of Bosnia wanted to be independent too, so Britain, the United States, and Europe jointly ordered all Croats, and Serbs to "kill them" because they were not apparently Muslims then, but their forefathers had been Muslims. Lest that spirit should resurrect and show the same passion, so kill them.

After hearing this, the last thing we say is that Allah the Almighty said:

وَلَنْ تَرْضَىٰ عَنْكَ الْيَهُودُ وَلَا النَّصَارَىٰ حَتَّىٰ تَتَّبِعَ مِلَّتَهُمْ (البقرة ٢٤)

Translation: And (O Beloved), never will the Jews and the Christians be pleased with you unless you follow their religion.

7. Preventive Measures to Stop:

- 1) The first basic and preliminary task is to be aware of secular ideologies and their consequences because if we do not know both of them, we may be tempted to go astray. You know that its bases are being distant from religion, and oppression. If someone praises it, you ask the question that two hundred years have passed since secularism came, can you give one example where it has brought a message of peace and security?
- 2) After hearing all these things, we should do something more than to get irritated and annoyed. We are very angry that we have been oppressed so much. We should still have some sense that this is just information. In a practical approach, we are supposed to see where people have to be stopped, where to attack, whom to convey this information, and to know what their modern objections, suspicions, and answers are.
- 3) Seminars should be organized at various places to provide awareness about the fact that Muslims today are confronted with secularism.
- 4) In the light of authentic arguments, the objections to Islamic views should be answered, especially the doctrine of Tawheed, Jihad, Hudood, Qisas, and women's rights and other correct interpretations of Shari'ah commands should be brought before the public.
- 5) Present historical evidence of what happened in a particular period, and what harm secularism brought. Historical evidence is very influential.
- 6) The use of all kinds of media is very useful, i.e., to provide information to people through short video clips and animations.
- 7) An in-depth study of Islam is also very important because some of our people object to the religion. The main reason of which is that we do not have a detailed knowledge of our religion, even the people who like west read the books of the religion that give surface knowledge or, are written by them (the westerns) or, are written by the people who are unfamiliar with the spirit of Islam and interpret Islam according to their little intellect. Now our responsibility is that we must not only read the books of reliable scholars but also share them with the people. Don't forget that the present is more of an "ideological war" than weapons.

The first part, a very brief introduction to secularism, is completed.

LIBERALISM

Literal Meaning: To be free/independent

Conventional Definition: To consider yourself free from religion as an individual

People with liberal thinking do not accept external interference in their personal lives, whether by religion or the state.

Liberalism will be discussed in four contexts:

- 1) History 2) Principles 3) Disadvantages 4) Solutions

1. History:

When it becomes ingrained in one's mind that religion has no place in my political and social life, he removes it from his inner life as well. Liberalism is the culmination of secularism.

Liberalism has no separate history because we have already said that secularism first took over the social and political fields and it was done to liberalize people and then to make them infidels from liberals. The British philosopher John Locke is the first person who formally shaped liberalism into philosophy and practice. When scientific progress was made, he raised many objections to religion and made every effort to exclude religion from private life.

2. Principles of Liberalism:

There are two basic principles of liberalism:

- A) Freedom
- B) Equality

Although man-made rules are broken every day and need new interpretations, the details are as follows.

A) Freedom:

It means that a person is free in his personal life, whether it is religion or journalism or opinion, etc., whatever he wants, whether he drinks water or sharbat (Eastern sweet drink) or alcohol, people are not allowed to interfere in his private life. It has been put into people's minds that no one should interfere in anyone's matters and if they do, they hear things like, "This is my house, it's my choice to keep it clean or dirty, etc."

B) Equality:

Equality means equality for all whether it is a legal or political or personal matter. For example, a man or a woman cannot be deprived of rights, privileges, and opportunities due to gender differences.

One of its branches is democracy that everyone has the same social rights. Whether a person is ignorant or educated, they both have equal votes.

This is what the poet of the East (Allama Dr. Iqbal) pointed out about:

اس راز کو اک مردِ فرنگی نے کیا فاش
ہر چند کہ دانا اسے کھولا نہیں کرتے
جمہوریت اک طرزِ حکومت ہے کہ جس میں
بندوں کو گنا کرتے ہیں ، تولا نہیں کرتے

Translation:

This secret was revealed by a foreigner,

Although wise do not open it.

Democracy is a form of government in which,

They count the people, not weigh them

3. Disadvantages:

Secularism and liberalism are consequently the same, so the oppression that has been mentioned is also related to liberalism.

The greatest disadvantage of liberalism is that the notion of the personal sense of responsibility has finished. Now, Man has relinquished not only the responsibility of his relatives and family members but also his self-responsibility. It is because when man was given complete freedom, he preferred selfishness. So cheating, selfishness, interest, alcohol, immodesty, and homosexuality became common in every place. The family system was destroyed and people even finished the identity of relationships.

Many big atheists still exist in the world and without any fear or shame say that "there is nothing wrong with marrying a sibling" and one of these liberals is a Pakistani woman Bina Sarwar. She even said, "There should be freedom to insult someone's religion or someone's God or someone's messenger. Who is going to ban it?"

The effects of liberalism are so filthy that if someone insults someone they say it is freedom of expression, when they see a Muslim offering, Salah, as well as drinking alcohol, they call that Muslim a moderate.

The French evil magazine "Charlie Hebdo", in the name of freedom of expression, has been busy publishing anti-Muslim propaganda for a long time, but in 2008, they fired its editor only for the reason that he was an enemy of the Jews.

4. The solution of liberalism:

All the mentioned measures, taken to prevent secularism, are effective here as well. Since the arguments of liberalism are based on science, if we understand the scope of the effect of science, the suspicions will be easily dismissed.

What is science?

The basic element in the definition of science is to know the facts through observations and experiments.

Whether it is observations or experiments, the method of scientists is that they first form a "Theory". Its position is weak because theories keep on changing every day and then the research on theories is carried out with the help of reasoning, observations, and experiments. When it is confirmed, then they give it the status of a "Law".

Observations are obtained through the five senses. Any observation can be wrong. Imam Ghazali رحمه الله said that there could be a major difference in the observations of two people, (after further development) the same person in a different time can make a different observation, (then after further development) the same person without time difference can make a different observation. Observation can be wrong. For example, (He gave a very sensible and easy-to-understand example), put water in three pots; one in hot, the other in cold, and the third in plain. Put one hand in cold water and the other hand in hot water. Take them both out and put them in plain water, one hand will say this water is cold and the other hand will say this water is hot. That water is neither hot nor cold, this example shows that observation is the weakest argument.

There is also a possibility of error in what is obtained through experiments. For example, scientists first experimented and said that there is no component of the atom, then they experimented and concluded that the atom has three components, then after further experiments, they were convinced that there are many components, but this is also not for sure that it is correct.

Thus, 100% correct results can't be obtained through experiments too.

وہ قوم کہ فیضانِ سماوی سے ہو محروم
حد اسکے کمالات کی ہے برق و بخارات
میں کیسے سمجھتا کہ تو ہے کہ نہیں ہے
ہر دم متغیر تھے خرد کے نظریات

Translation:

The nation that is deprived of Allah's blessings,

The limit of its perfection is electricity and vapours.

How do I know if you exist or not?

The ideas of the intellect were always varied.

It should be noted that Muslims are not against science and scientists. However, the commands of Allah the Almighty and His Messenger ﷺ should be given priority and the rest of the research should be given secondary status. There are differences between science and religion in many aspects.

1. The Qur'an and Hadith give one hundred percent certain knowledge, and the rest of the sciences are dubious. Suspicion should be given the status of suspicion, and certainty should be given priority.
2. Religion is based on revelation whereas science is based on observations and experiments.
3. Religion is related to supernatural entities (God, soul, and hereafter, etc.), and science is related to nature.
4. Where science meets its peak and man is amazed, then religion supports him and sets the path.

How is the collision when the two are separate!

A brief introduction to liberalism is completed.

ATHEISM

This is the last discussion and we will write about the following here.

- 1) Definition and sects of atheism
- 2) History
- 3) Its effect on non-Muslim nations
- 4) Its effect on Muslim nations
- 5) Principles and basics of answering objections
- 6) Answers to famous objections

1. Definition and Sects of Atheism

Definition: Denying the existence of God, whether in the form of a single God or multiple gods

“It (Atheism) is the belief that there is no God or gods.”

(Julian Baggini, Atheism, oxford university press)

Sects: There are three major sects of atheism.

1) GNOSTICISM

It is denying the existence of God absolutely and considering the existence of the universe as an accident and coincidence, and calling the continuance of the universe 'the law of nature.'

2) AGNOSTICISM

It is considering the existence of God beyond Understanding.

So when these people are asked about God, they say, "We don't know."

3) DEISM

Acknowledging the existence of God and also acknowledging that He created the universe, but then believing in the non-intervention. Non-intervention means God after creating the universe, created the rules to run the universe, and now the universe is on auto-run. God is no longer involved in it, just as a man becomes free by making an "automatic machine".

Based on authentic and divine arguments, these people did not deny the existence of God, but at every moment, seeing the apparent causes and reasons, they denied its effect.

2. History of Atheism

The majority of the people in the world have been convinced of one or more gods, but since ancient times there have been a few people who have denied the existence of God. Pure atheism has never taken the position of a powerful religion. It achieved popularity in recent times. Its history can be considered starting from the sixteenth century. In the twentieth century, the struggle for its propagation and spread reached its peak.

Richard Dawkins (1941)

Sam Harris (1967)

Christopher Hitchens (1949)

Daniel Dennett (1942)

The above-mentioned atheists promoted atheism through their writings and also held various seminars to promote their ideologies.

3. Its Effect on Non-Muslim Nations:

Atheism (which is the root cause of chaos and is aimed to be reached by opponents) quickly gained popularity among non-Muslim nations, especially atheism, which sidelined Christianity and turned many

people into atheists. They are Christians by name, trinity, and Oneness of God is aside, they even do not believe in the existence of God.

In Hinduism, Buddhism, etc., the concept of undue freedom of belief had already existed, so no matter how much people insult religion and God, they are not considered out of religion. Based on this, atheism was promoted in other religions and its work was also done but they couldn't earn the name.

4. Its Effect on Muslim Nations:

The biggest challenge, opposition, and obstacle to atheism come in Islam. For the solution of which, secular and liberal ideologies were introduced. No matter how sinner or impious a Muslim maybe, not to talk of denying the existence of God, he even does not deny the Oneness of God. The main reason for the Muslims who became atheists was the Westernized mentality from the very beginning, along with the unfamiliarity or difficult access to Islamic teachings, which pushed them into this horrible pit. (May Allah the Almighty protect us from atheism! Aameen)

5. Principles of Answering to Objections:

It is important to know a few basic things before answering the skeptical arguments for denying God.

(i) **Evidence with Similar Example:** When it comes to any argument with atheists, they immediately ask you to give an example.

Example: If we say that by hitting the blessed staff of Prophet Musa (عليه السلام), twelve (12) paths appeared in the sea, then they will immediately say in the reply that if you give an example of it, we will believe.

The stronger they consider this question, the weaker it is, because if this rule were to be accepted, it would be a condition to prove everything at least twice, and this condition is rationally unacceptable.

Example: If one has to prove that "Genghis Khan was a very cruel and oppressive man, and he built a tower of human skulls." At least twice such a person and the tower would need to exist in this world to be acknowledged. Every sensible person understands the weakness of this demand.

(ii) **Incomprehensible and irrational:** Since the arguments for atheism are based only on suspicion, they are either in misunderstanding or deliberately mislead others by combining two separate things.

Incomprehensible means that something is beyond our comprehension or difficult to comprehend at the moment.

Examples:

(i) For a person living a hundred (100) years ago from today, it is incomprehensible that "one person is in the east and the other in the west, but they can contact each other whenever they want like listening, watching photos, etc. "But even then it is irrational to call it "irrational".

(ii) According to Einstein's research, the definition of a black hole is that:

"When a star dies, it becomes a black hole, where there is no time and space."

The existence of such a place, even such an idea that there is no time or place, is incomprehensible. However, the surprising and irrational point is that this incomprehensible thing is generally accepted.

In short, simply saying that "this is incomprehensible" about the existence of God and other Islamic beliefs will not suffice, but the discussion can only be advanced with possibility.

(iii) The criterion of claim popularity

There are two rules for accepting a claim

* Being rationally possible

* Proven by argument

Then there are three types of argument:

(A) Five senses

(B) Intellect

(C) News

(A) Five Senses: Giving evidence through the five senses (seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, and touching) is popular for everyone. For example, denying the rising sun at dawn is nothing but madness.

(B) Intellect: Arguing with the intellect is also popular among the intellectuals.

Examples:

(i) Footprints on the sand of the beach are evidence of someone's walking on it.

(ii) If we put a book at one place in the room, and it does not exist there after a while, then, of course, the intellect says that it has been replaced by someone.

(iii) Today's science accepts gravity, energy, and wavelength, etc., only based on the intellect.

(C) News: News obtained from reliable sources is also evidence.

Examples:

(i) Doctors inform that "an outbreak of an unknown disease has spread in the city."

(ii) Einstein informed about the existence and properties of the black hole.

The above statements have only been accepted because doctors and Einstein, who shared these pieces of information are considered to be experts in their fields.

Therefore, we will answer the upcoming objections in light of these arguments.

6. Answers to popular Objections

Objection 1:

The existence of God is not proven; rather, they are the Laws of Nature that run this universe, and it is not necessary for a man to believe in the Creator for the Origin of Life in this universe. Because the theory of evolution proves that there were different animal forms before man and that there was first a Self-replicating module, the evolutionary form of which is the man. Therefore, there is no need to believe in the existence of any God.

Answer: There are several aspects to answer this question.

Theory of Evolution:

Darwin's theory strongly supported atheism, but after much research in the twentieth century, scientists have concluded that changes in any species do not go beyond certain genetic boundaries.

Second Point:

In 1929, the American astronomer Edwin discovered that galaxies are moving away from each other, this study concluded that at some point, the galaxies were together and then got separated due to the Big Bang.

Darwin's theory was refuted by modern research, which has led many atheists to resent the Big Bang theory.

Third Point:

Modern research has thrown Darwin's theory below the legal status, and it is just a theory.

If these atheists are called "monkey's offspring" based on this, they see red due to great anger.

Fourth Point:

The most well-known proof of God's existence is that there must be a Creator of everything because when there is a creation, there must be a creator.

An easy-to-understand example of this is whether the hen existed first or the egg. In response to this, the law will reach primordial law, i.e., that some other entity created them first.

The scientific argument can also be made that when Einstein said that there is a "black hole" and people are believing this incomprehensible thing. We also say that when Allah the Almighty's Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said that Allah the Almighty exists, so we also accepted it. What was beyond your comprehension, you accepted it, so we also accepted (that Allah exists), so what is so strange about that?

Objection 2:

Allah the Almighty is the creator of everything, so who is the creator of Allah the Almighty?

Answer:

There are many answers to this. First of all, this question is not correct because the creature has a creator but it is not possible for the creator to have its creator.

The second answer with a question is that you believe that the whole universe came into being without a Creator and ask about the creator of the Creator, isn't that completely contradictory?

The third answer is very good. In logical terms, it is called a Categorical mistake.

If someone asks on which tree does the egg grow? Then this question is useless. Similarly, if one's father is admitted to the hospital and he is asked, "What did your father give birth to, a boy or a girl?"

When we believe in someone as God, then to ask, who His creator is, is also a stupid question. God is the Creator, He cannot be a creature.

Objection 3:

How can we believe in something when it is not visible?

Answer:

Not seeing anything is only the work of the sense of sight. Besides, there are four more senses. Even if things are perceived through them, proving the negation of other senses by the negation of one sense is nothing but lack of intellect.

Scientific Argument: Everyone acknowledges not only the existence of wavelength and signal waves. But also the existence of the soul. Although such things and many other things cannot be seen, so denying anything, that is not seen, is nothing but stupidity.

An Incident at the End:

Anwar-ul-Haq Fateh Puri Sahib, the best religious scholar of Delhi, was once going to South Africa. An English atheist saw him offering Salah in the ship. When he completed Salah, the atheist asked him why he had been standing and sitting. Allama Sahib replied, "I was worshiping God." As he heard the name of God, he started laughing and said, "I have not seen God till today, so what is the use of believing in Him?" Allama Sahib said that there are many things in the world that we do not see but still believe in them such as sound, soul, wind, etc.

Allama Sahib then asked, "Are you wise or foolish?" He replied, "I am wise." He asked, "What is the proof?" He said, "my way of standing, sitting, walking, and wandering are all with etiquette. This is the proof that I am wise." Allama Sahib then replied, "You claim of great intellect based on such small signs and evidence. However, you do not accept the claim of Allah the Almighty's existence despite this great universe."

He further said that although Allah the Almighty cannot be seen, I will still try that He shows a sign of His holy being, but tell me who will see His manifestation? So he immediately said, "I will see." He said, "If you show me 'I' first, then I will try to show you, God." Then he put his hand on his chest and said, "This is 'I'." Allama Sahib said, "No, this is not 'I' but the chest." Then he put his hand on his head and said, "This is 'I'." Then he said, this is not 'I' but the head." Even existing in the world of the body, He could not determine 'I' instead got annoyed and left. " فبهت الذي كفر "

Conclusion:

Thus, not understanding or ignoring the obvious difference between the Creator and the Assembler, they argue by presenting childish skepticism as to their evidence and say, "We have created a better ride than camel, so acknowledge us as the Creator and God? Etc."

May Allah the Almighty protect us from non-intellect, limited understanding, and misunderstanding, and grant us the correct understanding of religion! Aameen

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